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Certification Guide

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Report Highlights:

This report lists the required export certificates for exports to The Netherlands, which are not yet EU harmonized.

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Notes for using the Guide

The Netherlands, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. We therefore recommend that this report is read in conjunction with the EU Certification Guide produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium: Gain Report Number : E35010 <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>

Unfortunately for exporters, the EU's rules on certification for imports are complicated and are not always harmonized across Member States. This report lists the required export certificates for exports to The Netherlands, which are not yet harmonized.

Dutch Competent Authorities

Dutch Customs provides information of imports from which the National Inspection Service for Livestock and Meat (RVV) and the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (KvW) select the lots for further inspection. The RVV and the KvW embodies the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA). The VWA is part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (www.minInv.nl).

The RVV is responsible for the inspection of animals, meat and meat products, and animal feed. The KvW is responsible for the inspection of all non-veterinary products. Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA)
P.O. Box 19506
2500 CM The Hague, The Netherlands
Phone: +31-(0)70-4484848
Fax: +31-(0)70-4484747
www.vwa.nl
info@vwa.nl

The Plant Protection Service (PD) is responsible for inspection of crops and seed imports into The Netherlands.

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Phone: +31 317-496911
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U.S. Competent Authorities, issuing Export Certificates

The U.S. issuing agencies are identified by their acronyms. Following is a list of these and the relevant websites of each agency for further information.

USDA / FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

Export Requirements for the European Union:

[www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_& Policies/European_Union_Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/European_Union_Requirements/index.asp)

USDA / APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

USDA International Animal Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ee.html

International Animal Product Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/products/pr_ee.html

Export Services:

www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/exports/

USDA/ AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA European Union Health Certification Program: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/eu_prgm.htm

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/exprtcert.htm#iv

USDA / FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service;

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

www.usda.gov/gipsa/international/intl-services.htm

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/trade/EUCONTENTS.htm>

Related Reports from FAS offices in the EU:

Visit the USEU website: the website www.useu.be/agri/usda.html provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. More information on certification can be found at <http://www.useu.be/agri/usda.html>.

| Report Number | Title | Date Released |
|---|---|---------------|
| NL5024 | Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – The Netherlands | 09/01/2005 |
| E35010 | EU Certification Guide – Update | 01/20/2005 |
| E34015 | General Requirements for Veterinary Certificates | 05/27/2004 |
| E34005 | Certification for Personal Meat and Dairy Imports | 05/04/2004 |
| These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp | | |

| Product | | EU Legislation | Dutch Legislation (Dutch language) | Dutch Model Certificate | U.S. Issuing Agency | U.S. Agency Form | Title | Comments |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------|--|--|
| "Other Products of Animal Origin" | Blood Products | 1992/118/EC (a) | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apbl010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=13833 | FSIS | | www.fsis.usda.gov/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://OFO/export/netherla.htm | Meat products which are not harmonized in 1977/99/EC are harmonized in 1992/118/EC. However, for these products a harmonized EU certificate is not always available. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status. |
| | Intestines, stomachs and bladders | | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apda010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=14024 | | | | |
| | Gelatin | | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apgl010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=14190 | | | | |
| | Processed Animal Proteins | | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apve010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=9748 | | | | |
| | Animal Fats | | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apvr010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=14191 | | | | |
| | Meat Extracts | | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/apvl010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/default.asp?publicatie=14428 | | | | |

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| Colostrum | | 1992/46/EC (b) | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/opmk010.pdf | www.rvv.agro.nl/documenten/opmk012005.pdf | AMS | www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/international/dyint.htm | | Latest standpoint of the RVV is that the product and certificates are harmonized and is classified as milk. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status. |
| Processed Plant Products | | 2002/178/EC | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | Depending on the HS code, processed plant products are either classified under Plant Products (see Gain Report Number: E35010) or under Processed Foods (no certificates are required). |
| Processed Foods | | 2002/178/EC | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | No certificates are required. |

(a) Available at http://europe.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/pdf/1992/en_1992L0118_do_001.pdf

(b) Available at http://europe.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/pdf/1992/en_1992L0046_do_001.pdf

N.A. = Not Applicable